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Honorable Waggoner Carr
Attorney General of Texas
Supreme Court Building
Austin 11, Texas

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Mr. J. Lee Rankin has asked me to reply to your inquiry regarding the disposition of the rifle and other materials connected with the assassination of President Kennedy.

I can assure you that neither the assassination weapon nor any of the other evidence relied upon by the President's Commission in its Report has been returned to Lee Harvey Oswald's widow. Prior to the completion of its work, the President's Commission informed the Federal Bureau of Investigation of its view that all of the physical evidence relating to the proof of the participation of Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy should be retained by the United States Government for an indefinite period. I am in complete sympathy with the Commission's recommendation and this Department is currently studying various means of accomplishing this end.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas deB. Katzenbach

Attorney General

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